Hymenomycetes Britannicæ by the Rev John Stevenson with illustrations in two volumes. Vol I Agaricus to Boletus. William Blackwood and Sons Edinburgh & London 1886. pp. 342.

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The first volumes of Mr Stevensons book has at last appeared and will be received by the British Student of Mycology as a boon: ~~for~~ so many in addition to the descriptions of our Hymenomycetes have been scattered without order in various Publications - The Main idea of this work undoubtedly is to give the English speaking Student of Fungi in his own language an accurate translation - or rather "an interpretation of the mind of Fries" both this object Mr Stevenson has availed himself of Mr descriptions in the Hymenomycetes Europæi as a basis and has incorporated with these not only the fuller details given in the Monographs but also whatever information is contained in the smaller works of Fries

as well as in the selection of the "Dorner" The collection of this for the 500 species described in the present volume has been from many a trivial work and the Museum is to be congratulated upon the success of his attempt The ~~descr~~ book is printed in excellent type and is well got up in every respect. The methods adopted in framing the description is such as to render them available not only as descriptive but also for diagnostic purposes. For example.

411. *S. Salicinus* Pers Pileus 2·5 cent. (1 in.) and more broad, bluish grey then cinereous, slightly fleshy convex then plane., sometimes umbonate smooth but floccoso-rugulose and darker at the disc. Stem 2·5 - 5 cent. (1 - 2 in.) long. 2 m.m. (1 line) or a little more thick stuffed Equal fibrillose fragile white-azure blue, or sometimes becoming green Silky Gill Rose colour

= = Henry Rom.
— = Italics.

Name - Salix willow

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The illustrations of the genera and subgenera are in nature by Mr W. G. Smith the specimens are in various outlines and are also given in micro. Mills - noticeable

The ~~noticeable~~ feature in the book is the fullness with which the description of the sub genera and in the large subgenera of the "series" are given this is a great improvement upon the scanty manner in which they have been treated in our present text book -

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